under the project-based-plan of action of the National Child Labour Policy:

(i) Project for the welfare of children working in the precious stone polishing industry in Jaipur, Rajasthan;

(ii) Project for the welfare of children working in the slate pencil making industry in Mandsaur, Madhya Pradesh; and

(iii) Project for the welfare of children working in the slate industry in Markapur, Andhra Pradesh.

(b) The following activities are being taken up in the project areas:

(i) Stepping up the enforcement of the Laws prohibiting the Child Labour.

(ii) Coverage of families of child labour under income/employment generating programmes.

(iii) Formal and non-formal education of child labour and stepping up programmes of adult education for the parents of the working children.

(iv) Setting up of special schools for the child workers where provisions of education, vocational training, supplementary nutrition, health care, etc. are being made. Necessary stipends are given to children taken out from the prohibited employment to compensate the loss in earning of the respective families.

(v) Creation of awareness, through social activists groups and by other means, so as to educate and convince people regarding the undesirable aspects of child labour.

The projects are being implemented by Project Societies set up by the concerned State Governments.

Supply of more items through P.D.S.

1079. SHRI SHAMIM HASHMI: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item which appeared in the 'Indian Express' dated 5th October, 1988 to the effect that ration card holders in the capital can now buy cloth from fair price shops; and

(b) whether Government/Planning Commission have received any suggestion/proposals or recommendation from any enlightened citizens/consumer bodies to make protective food items like milk, fruits, vegetables and essential drugs available through PDS and if so, what action has been taken/proposed to be taken in this matter?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI D. L. BAITHA): (a) Yes, Sir. Delhi Administration has reported that they are distributing controlled cloth through some fair price shops, mobile and other cooperative outlets.

(b) Suggestions are received from time to time by the Central Government for inclusion of additional items for supply through the Public Distributon System. The States/UTs have been advised to consider including more items of mass consumption under Public Distribution System through their own procurement and distribution arrangements.

1080. [*Transferred to the 24th November,* 1988]

Failure of bonded labour scheme in Bihar

1081. SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the newsitem which appeared in the 'Hindustan Times' dated the 28th October, 1988 under the caption "bonded labour scheme fails in Bihar"; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and what measures are being taken for the effective implementation of bonded labour rehabilitation scheme?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR (SHRI BINDESHWARI DUBEY): (a) Yes, Sir.